

### E-Rate

- TELECOM Act of 1996
- Telecommunications
- Internet Access
- Internal Connections
- Assigned to Federal Communications Commission

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### Federal Communications Commission

- Independent Regulatory Agency
- Authorized every 5 years
- Authority to Assess Industries Under their Purview
- Universal service
  - Telephones down a long country road
  - Internet to schools & Libraries

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### Federal Communications Commission

- Not under US DOE or TN DOE
  - Not federal Dollars
  - Self Certified Program
  - Eligibility is based on Poverty Indicators (FRL)

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## Discount Matrix

- FRL = 75% - 100% = Discount 90%
- FRL = 50% - 74% = Discount 80%
- FRL = 35% - 49% = Discount 60%
- FRL = 20% - 34% = Discount 50%
- FRL = 1% - 19% = Discount 40%
- FRL = Less than 1% = Discount 20%

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## E-Rate Rules & Regs

- Because it is administered by a regulatory agency it's methods are very different from Federal Dollars or most Grants
- E-rate Application Process has a minimum of 18 months lead time
- Must be Competitively bid
- 5 Year document retention from the last date of services received.
- SDE Approval of Technology Plan

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## Eligible Services List

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  - Priority 1
    - Telecommunications
    - Internet Access
  - Priority 2
    - Internal Connections (Building Networks)

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## ESL Con't

- No End user equipment
- No Applications (Software)
- No use of service by non K-12 Students or Staff
- No File Storage
- Must Cost allocate non-eligible from E-rate funding

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## MNPS & E-Rate

- Support for Internet Access
- Support for LAN replacements
- Support for Tracking of Students & School Busses

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## E-rate & Audits

- MNPS was audited in spring of 2009.
- Three Forensic CPAs on premises for three weeks
- Clean Audit without and Findings.

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